(a) the quantum of India Development Bonds sold by January 31, 1992;

(b) the figures of sale country/centre-wise by Indian and foreign banks, separately;

(c) the expectations of the Union Government in that regard;

(d) the percentage contribution by India Development Bonds towards augmentation of foreign exchange reserves; and

(e) the steps, if any, proposed to be taken to make investment in India Development Bonds more attractive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) According to the information received by the Reserve bank of India upto 4th March, 1992, a sum of $ 1625. 120 million was collected under the India Development Bonds Scheme, 1991.

(b) Such data are not being compiled by the executing agency of the India Development Bonds Scheme, 1991.

(c) No firm target was laid down under the Scheme.

(d) It is not possible to compute sourcewise contribution to the foreign exchange reserves since these are net result of a number of transactions in the external sector.

(e) Question does not arise as the Scheme has already closed on 31st January, 1992.

Construction of Zarap-Patradevi Stretch of National Highway No. 17

1841 SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the land for construction of road from Zarap to Patradevi on National Highway No. 17 has since been acquired;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the work on this road is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OIF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c). Land acquisition for the missing link on NH 17 from Zarap to Patradevi is in progress and is targetted to be completed by 1993-94. As such it is too early to indicate the date of commencement of this work.

Development of Redi port in Maharashtra

1842. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the work for development of port at Redi in Maharashtra; and

(b) the total funds provided by the Union Government for development of this port during seventh Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The development and management of the minor port of Redi in Maharashtra is the concern of the Government of Maharashtra.

(b) No funds were provided by the Government of India for development of this port during the 7th plan.